

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LISBON 06220 101857Z

13
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 OMB-01

/060 W

----- 062081

R 101730Z SEP 76
FM AMEMBASSY LISBON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8492
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY MADRID
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMCONSUL OPORTO
AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMCONSUL PONTA DELGADA
USMISSION NATO
DIA WASHDC
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER

C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 6220

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, MILI, PO
SUBJ: PORTUGUESE REVOLUTIONARIES RETURN FROM ANGOLA

REF: LISBON 6137 (DTG 081719Z SEP 76)

SUMMARY: CPT DURAND CLEMENTE AND FOUR MILITARY COMPANIONS WHO
FLED TO ANGOLA FOLLOWING THE ABORTIVE NOV 25 COUP RETURNED TO
LISBON SEPT 9. THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIVE COULD REFLECT
INCREASING RPA DISENCHANTMENT WITH THE ACTIVITIES IN ANGOLA OF
EX-PORTUGUESE "REVOLUTIONARIES." END SUMMARY.

1. "REVOLUTIONARIES" RETURN FROM ANGOLA: CPT DURAND
CLEMENTE AND FOUR MILITARY COMPANIONS -- CPT MARTINS
JORGE, LT TAVARES CABRAL, LT LUIS MARTINS, AND LT SOUSA
CARRUSCA -- WHO FLED TO ANGOLA FOLLOWING THE ABORTIVE NOV 25
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 LISBON 06220 101857Z

COUP RETURNED TO LISBON SEPT 9. SEPT 9 WAS PICKED BECAUSE

OF ITS SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE AS THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE INITIAL MEETING OF THE "MOVEMENT OF CAPTAINS." THE FIVE TURNED THEMSELVES OVER TO MILITARY JUDICIAL POLICE AT PLAME-SIDE IN LISBON. FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION, THEY WERE RELEASED PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION. UPON ARRIVAL THE FIVE RELEASED THE CONTENTS OF LETTERS TO THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND ANGOLAN PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO. IN THE RC LETTER, THE FIVE DENIED THEY HAD FLED PORTUGAL TO EXCAPE JUSTICE BUT RATHER BECAUSE OF THE THEN PREVAILING CLIMATE IN WHICH THEY ALLEGED NO JUSTICE WAS POSSIBLE. THE LETTER LAID HEAVY STRESS ON MILITARY COMRADESHIP AND BONDS OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH LINKED THOSE WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE ORIGINAL CAPTAINS' MOVEMENT. THE BRIEF LETTER TO NETO THANKED THE PRESIDENT AND THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY AND SUPPORT.

2. CDS KNOCKS SOCIALISTS: IN A STATEMENT RELEASED SEPT 8 THE CENTER DEMOCRATS OF THE NORTHERN REGION LASHED OUT AT THE SOCIALISTS FOR THEIR ROLE IN RECENT EFFORTS TO REESTABLISH LINKS WITH ANGOLA. CDS CRITICISM FOCUSED ON THE RECENT PS DELEGATION TO ANGOLA HEADED BY PS PRESIDENT ANTONIO MACEDO. NEITHER MACEDO NOR THE SOCIALISTS, THE CDS SAID, WERE AUTHORIZED TO SPEAK IN THE NAME OF THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT OR THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE. DELICATE MATTERS SUCH AS THE REESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE PROTECTION OF PORTUGUESE INTERESTS IN ANGOLA MUST BE ENTRUSTED TO THE LEGALLY-DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THE PEOPLE.

3. COMMENT: THE LETTER OF CLEMENTE AND FRIENDS TO PRESIDENT NETO NOTWITHSTANDING, THE ARRIVAL IN LISBON OF THE FIVE COULD REFLECT INCREASING RPA DISENCHANTMENT WITH RESIDENT PORTUGUESE "REVOLUTIONARIES." RUI MATEUS, A MEMBER OF THE RECENT PS DELEGATION TO ANGOLA, TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT RPA OFFICIALS HAD ACKNOWLEDGED THEY WERE NOT HAPPY WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF EX-PORTUGUESE "REVOLUTIONARIES" LIVING IN "EXILE" IN ANGOLA AND MIGHT EXPELL THEM (REFTEL). THE RETURNEES MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE TREATMENT ACCORDED GEN SPINOLA AS WELL AS STATEMENTS BY PRIME MINISTER SOARES HINTING AT A BROAD AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS. CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 LISBON 06220 101857Z

CARLUCCI

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY PERSONNEL, REPATRIATION, GOVERNMENT OVERTHROW, AMNESTY
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 10 SEP 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: BoyleJA
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976LISBON06220
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: DG ALTERED PER 78 LISBON 1630
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760343-0577
From: LISBON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760974/aaaackqx.tel
Line Count: 108
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 LISBON 6137
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: BoyleJA
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 MAR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <09 MAR 2004 by morefirh>; APPROVED <16 AUG 2004 by BoyleJA>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PORTUGUESE REVOLUTIONARIES RETURN FROM ANGOLA
TAGS: PINT, MILI, PO, AO, (CLEMENTE, DURAND)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006